

REMARKS

Claims 1 has been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 51-118 have been added. Thus, claims 51-118 are pending in the present application.

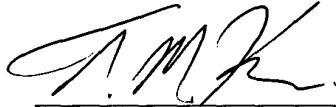
The Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

If there are any matters which may be resolved or clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the Applicants' undersigned attorney at the number indicated.

The Applicants have enclosed a check in the amount of \$864.00 for the fees associated with the addition of the new claims in this Second Preliminary Amendment. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any other fees which may be required while this application is pending (except the issue fee) to Jenkins & Gilchrist, P.C. Deposit Account No. 10-0447(47097-01079USC1).

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Respectfully submitted,



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